GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CRITERIA FOR ALLOTMENT OF GAS AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down by the Government in regard to selection of places and dealers for allotment of gas agencies ;

(b) the details regarding places identified in U.P. for allotment of new gas agencies so far ; and

(c) the location-wise details regarding gas agencies likely to be sanctioned during the current financial year alongwith the number of agencies out of them started functioning ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): Government have given freedom to Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to set up LPG distributorships in accordance with their commercial assessment and locations are identified by them on the basis of available refill sale potential for sustaining an independent distributorship. The criteria and the procedure for selection of LPG distributorships are published by OMCs from time to time in various Newspapers at the time of advertisement / selection.

(b) & (c): The identification of locations is a continuous process and OMCs conduct surveys as per their requirements. However, Government have advised OMCs to draw up Marketing Plans for covering semi-urban and rural areas. The details of locations identified for setting up LPG distributorships in Uttar Pradesh are available with Director (Marketing) of the OMCs concerned. The commissioning of LPG distributorships depends upon various factors such as identification of viable locations, release of advertisements, conducting interviews and the ability of the candidate to secure land for godown, showroom etc. In view of these factors, any specific target for commissioning LPG distributorships during a particular year in any State has not been fixed.